IN THE THE STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of)	
HIGAKI et al.)	Art Unit 2187
Application Number: 10/768,439)	Examiner Farrokh, Hashem
Filed: February 2, 2004)	
For: STORAGE SYSTEM AND STORAGE CONTROL DEVICE))	
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Independent Claims	. 3	4	(Over 3)	x \$200	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S)				+ \$360	0
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 9, 2005, the period for response to which is set to expire on February 9, 2006. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: